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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An elastic laminate comprising at least a first layer of an elastic polymer film and ~~ef~~a second layer of an elastic textile sheet, where the elastic textile sheet laminate has either a microembossed effect, or a macroembossed effect, ~~or~~ both,

wherein a self-adhesive coating is ~~has been~~ applied to the textile sheet on the side opposite to that in contact with the polymer film;

and wherein the first layer is composed of two coextruded layers comprising ~~with~~ an outer layer and a tie layer, ~~where the tie layer is composed of pure thermoplastic polyolefins.~~

2. (Previously presented) Laminate according to Claim 1, wherein the weight per unit area of the polymer film is from 15 to 150 g/m², the weight per unit area of the textile sheet is from 25 to 200 g/m² or both.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Previously presented) Laminate according to claim 1, wherein the polymer film of the first layer is a copolymer of ethylene and an α -olefin having a carbon number from C₄-C₁₀, where the copolymer has a melt index of from 1 to 20 g/(10 min) and density offrom 860 to 900 kg /m³.

5. (Canceled).

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6. (Previously presented) The laminate according to claim 1, wherein the polymer film of the first layer comprises at least 65 wt.-% of a thermoplastic elastomer.

7-15 (Canceled).

16. (Currently amended) The laminate of claim 1 ~~15~~, wherein the polymer film layer is microembossed.

17. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the textile layer is macroembossed.

18. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 17, wherein the textile layer is microembossed.

19. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the first and second layers are macroembossed.

20. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the first and second layers are microembossed.

21. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the laminate shows no more than 10% permanent deformation in either the transverse or longitudinal direction after elongation of 50% of its original length.

22. (Previously presented) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the laminate shows no more than 10% permanent deformation in either the transverse or longitudinal direction after elongation of 100% of its original length.

23. (Currently amended) An elastic laminate backing material consisting essentially of elastic layers, the laminate composed of at least a first layer of an elastic polymer film and of a second layer of an elastic textile sheet,

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wherein the elastic textile sheet ~~finished laminate~~ has either a microembossed effect, or a macroembossed effect, ~~or both,~~

wherein a self-adhesive coating is ~~has been~~ applied to the textile sheet on the side opposite to that in contact with the polymer film,

and wherein the first layer is composed of two coextruded layers comprising ~~with~~ an outer layer and a tie layer, ~~where the tie layer is composed of pure thermoplastic polyolefins.~~

24. (New) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the textile sheet comprises polymers prepared by metallocene-catalyzed polymerization.

25. (New) The laminate of the claim 1 wherein the elastic textile sheet comprises polyolefins.

26. (New) The laminate of claim 25 wherein the polyolefins comprise polyethylene and/or polypropylene.

27. (New) The laminate of the claim 26 wherein the polyolefins are prepared by metallocene catalyzed polymerization.

28. (New) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the outer layer and the tie layer, comprise pure thermoplastic polyolefins.

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29. (New) Laminate according to claim 28 wherein the outer layer comprises a structure further comprising more than one layer of a copolymer of ethylene and polar comonomers or of a mixture of LDPE and an LLDPE, prepared by a metallocene catalyzed process.